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COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH HOUSING PLAN

On December 20, 2011, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requested the authority to extend the current Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP) and Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP+) contracts for one year. This item was amended by Supervisor Antonovich to direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), DCFS and the Probation Department (Probation), in partnership with the Self-Sufficiency Workgroup, to report back in 30 days and quarterly thereafter on a comprehensive transition-aged youth housing plan, incorporating the mandates of AB 12 and State realignment, and maximizing available funding through necessary changes, if any, to the THPP, THP+ and Transitional Housing Program-Plus Foster Care (THP+FC) programs.

On January 5, 2012, departmental representatives from the CEO, DCFS, and Probation, along with the Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families and the Self-Sufficiency Workgroup, convened a small working group to discuss the current functioning of THPP and THP+ programs, and what is anticipated for the THP+FC programs. Under the current State regulations, THPP is a voluntary program, whereas THP+ and THP+FC are mandated. Although there is much speculation about how the THP+FC programs may operate, the State's All County Letter which will stipulate this is not scheduled to be released until February 2012.

In order to create an effective comprehensive housing plan for DCFS and Probation transition-aged youth, program and fiscal analyses will be conducted. Consideration will be given to opportunities to serve more youth within existing funds, ways to make these Each Supervisor January 20, 2012 Page 2

programs revenue neutral, and approaches for improving participant outcomes. Data from these analyses will be presented to your Board in the April 2012 quarterly report.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Trish Ploehn, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, at (213) 974-4532 or via e-mail at tploehn@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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